

Page 1, replace the paragraph starting at line 20 and ending at line 23 with the following paragraph. A marked-up copy of this paragraph showing the changes therein is attached.

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--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

B2 We have now found a way to improve corrosion protection of metal surfaces, such as metallic drinking water pipes. We achieve this by providing a cementitious composition which, in the hardened state, acts as a low leaching and durable coating in low alkalinity and low hardness waters.--

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Page 2, replace the paragraph starting at line 1 and ending at line 3 with the following paragraph. A marked-up copy of this paragraph showing the changes therein is attached.

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B3 --After the cementitious composition has been applied to the surface, it can be left to harden. In general, sufficient hardening will occur within about 24 hours, but it may take several weeks for the composition to finish curing.--

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Page 5, replace the paragraphs starting at line 7 and ending at line 11 with the following paragraphs. A marked-up copy of these paragraphs showing the changes therein is attached.

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--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Reference is now made to the accompanying drawings, in which:

B4 Fig. 1 is a cross-sectional view of a flat surface that has been treated with a cementitious composition according to the invention; and

Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional view of a pipe that has been treated with